



## PROJECT VOTE 2012

Training		
	Lake Havasu City	Safford
	<b>August 22 – New Horizons</b> Approximately 30 self-advocates and staff attended.	<b>August 24 – Safford High School</b> Over 20 students and staff attended; State rules prohibit even non-partisan forums, like ours, from taking place in school facilities so forum could not be held at high school.
Candidate Forums		
	Lake Havasu City	Safford
	<b>October 11, 2012 – New Horizons</b> 40+ attendees; 20 self-advocates were in attendance and sat in chairs in the middle of the room. All came with their questions sheets provided at the training in August.	<b>October 23, 2012 – Main Street Café</b> Self advocates working at the Café attended the forum. 20+ attendees
	Collaboration with New Horizons, the DDPC, and ACDL	Collaboration with the Blake Foundation/Easter Seals, the DDPC, and ACDL
	Format was opening statements, questions/answers, and closing statements	Format was opening statements, questions/answers, and closing statements
	Candidates attended: Dr. Kelli Ward and Sonny Borrelli; Rep. Doris Goodale confirmed but could not attend as her husband had been hospitalized. He passed away on October 15.	Candidates attending: Pat Fleming, Robert Leach, and Mark Stonebraker.

## Candidate Forums (continued)

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	All candidates were Republican.	All candidates were Democrats.
	Larry Clausen moderated the forum.	Michael Leyva moderated the forum.
	Very active question/answer session.	The self-advocates who attended were not the ones trained as the training occurred at the high school. The self-advocates did participate in one question, but there was a definite difference between self-advocates who had received empowerment training and those who had not been trained. There were good questions for the candidates and the forum had to be cut off from questions at the end as time had run out.
	Candidates remarked how intense the questions were, more so than any other forum they had attended.	Candidates felt the forum was "intense".
	BBQ after the forum. Candidates stayed and had lunch with the group.	Lunch was served by the Café. Candidates had lunch with the group.
	Future candidates were also in attendance as well as City Council members.	No future candidates attended.
	New Horizons fosters self-advocacy and independence, and several members are involved with the Bobcats, a self-advocacy group.	No existing self-advocacy group.